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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Veronique BLANC et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
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Application No.: 09/987,614 ) Examiner: D. Steadman  
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Filed: November 15, 2001 )  
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For: STREPTOGRAMINS AND )  
METHODS FOR PREPARING )  
SAME BY MUTASYNTHESIS )

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated June 12, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between group I (claims 30-45 and 47-57, directed to a compound and a pharmaceutical composition comprising said compound) and group II (claim 46, directed to a method for producing a compound). Applicants elect to prosecute group I with traverse.

Applicants traverse the requirement on at least the ground that there would be no *undue* burden on the Office to examine the entirety of the closely related subject matter as presently claimed. As evidence of the close relationship of the subject matter of groups I and II, Applicants note that claim 46 in group II ultimately depends from claim 30 in group I. Thus, a search for the subject matter of group II necessarily provides a

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search for at least the subject matter of claim 30 of group I. Accordingly,  
reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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